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Order of Service

Mistress of Cermony ..... Mother Eleanor Harrington
Assistant State Supervisor

Organ Prelude ..... Brother Edward Showers
State Organist

Ecclesiastical Processional

Call to Worship ..... Second Administrative Assistant
Walter Blalark

Prayer of Comfort ..... Administrative Assistant
R. C. Edwards

Lord's Prayer..... "Mallotte" ..... State Mass Choir

Scripture Reading Old Testament - Proverbs 31:10,29-31 Elder Willard Payton
State Youth President

New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 Mother Shirley Hughes
Assistant State Supervisor

Congregational Hymn ..... "Sweet Jesus" .....

Selection ....."I Shall Wear A Crown" ..... State Mass Choir

Remarks ..... Elder Samuel E. De Bose, Pastor
St. Andrews Temple Church

TRIBUTES

Family

Representing Area Supervisors ..... Mother Rosa Marie Smith,
Supervisor, Fifth Jurisdiction - Illinois

Selection ..... "Welcome Me Home" ..... State Mass Choir

Acknowledgement of Cards and Telegrams ..... Missionary Georgia Brown,
Secretary Women's Department

RESOLUTIONS

St. Andrews Temple Church ..... Mother Elizabeth Bridges
Women's Department - First Illinois ..... District Missionary Liddie Hall
First Jurisdiction - Illinois ..... Superintendent Bennie Stewart,
State Secretary

Selection ..... "JUST JESUS" ..... State Mass Choir

EXPRESSION

Representing Women's Department
First Jurisdiction - Illinois ..... Mother Charlotte Eades,
1st Assistant State Supervisor

PRESENTATION OF GENERAL SUPERVISOR

Representing International Women's Department
Church of God in Christ ..... Mother Willie Mae Rivers
General Supervisor

Ecclesiastical Presentation ..... Bishop Bennie Allison

Expressions Representing Area Bishops ..... Bishop William Haven Bonner
Sixth Jurisdiction - Illinois

Obituary
(Read in Silence)

Presentation of Jurisdictional Prelate
Bishop Ocie Booker ..... First Administrative Assistant
Van W. Wells

Sermonic Solo ..... Sister Vernon Oliver Price
State Soloist

Sermon ..... Bishop Ocie Booker
Jurisdictional Prelate

Recessional

Dismissal

A Portrait of a Glorious Life

Mother Carrie Lee Cantrell was born in Austell, Georgia on August 16, 1909. She was the third daughter of Elder Duffy and Mother Clara Camp-Cantrell. Her early years were spent in Georgia. In the early 1920's after the death of Elder Duffy Cantrell the family moved to Harvey, Illinois where Mother lived for the rest of her life.

Mother Cantrell was educated in the elementary schools of Harvey; Thornton Township High School and Chicago Teachers College. Her interest turned to health care and through the Oak Forest School of Nursing she earned a Licensed Practical Nurse Certificate.

Mother Cantrell continued to live her life of service through showing a positive concern for children and youth. In honor of her beloved Mother she established the Clara Cantrell Scholarship Guild which is still in operation through Thornton Township High School. Each year some needy graduating senior receives a one-year scholarship to Thornton Community College. Many, many scholarships have been given. Numerous young people have been helped to achieve their goals and dreams.

On the spiritual side of her life, having been saved when just a child, she did not fail to hide the word of God in her heart as David said, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" Psalm 119:11. Being endowed with great faith, she always exemplified strength and perseverance in her Christian walk with the Lord. As a young person, she was nurtured and trained at the feet of some of the greatest women that the Church of God in Christ has ever known. As a teenager, she spent her summers traveling with one of the Pioneer State Mothers of Illinois, Mother Nancy Gamble. She continued her spiritual growth and development under State Mother Anna Davis. The second appointed General Supervisor of our National Church, Mother Lillian Brooks Coffey, took note of her ability and dedication and

chose her as one of those to convene with her in the organizing of the International Women's Convention. For many years, Mother Cantrell served as National Secretary and as a leader in the Convention. Through the tenure of Mother Anne L. Bailey, Mother Mattie McGlothen and Mother Emma Crouch, she continued in loyal service and unwavering faith to God and her Church wherever she was asked to serve.

In the state of Illinois, Mother Cantrell moved upward from position to position even as the Lord had designed. Her zenith was perhaps as the State Supervisor of the Women's Department of the First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Illinois with the Second Elected Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, the late Bishop Louis Henry Ford. Her distinguished service continued under the Late Bishop Shepard Little and the present Bishop Ocie Booker.

Throughout her golden years, Mother Cantrell sought always to be a Mother in Israel, a woman full of good works whose price is far above rubies. Her major concern was to pass on to future generations this great and glorious heritage that we may be as cornerstones, a people polished after the similitude of a palace, living out our lives in the beauty of holiness.

Mother Cantrell enriched the lives of many people and leaves to the family a legacy of wisdom, faith, service, discipline and love. Her sisters Etta Cantrell and Clara Cantrell Clemmons now become the matriarchs. Bishop Ithiel C. Clemmons beloved brother-in-law as her friend and fellow laborer in the Gospel. Nieces Thayer Baker, Doris Howard (Kenneth) and Sylvia Stephney (John) sat at her feet and were blessed. Nephews Harold Williams, Sylvester Williams (Elon), Ernest Brooks (Gladys) and Eail Brooks, learned an independence of spirit that they will always cherish. From this direct lineage there are three generations of young people, a Church Family, and a host of other Cousins and Friends.

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Assistant State Supervisors

In Appreciation

We the family of *Mother Carrie Lee Cantrell*, acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting messages, florals, prayers, tributes and other expressions of kindness shown at this time. When it seemed that our loss was too great to bear, Thank God that you, our friends and loved ones, were there to share our loss and heaven's gain.

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